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PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION—
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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953, AMOUNTING TO \$2,050,000, IN THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET

JUNE 11 (legislative day, JUNE 10), 1952.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, June 11, 1952.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Congress a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$2,050,000, for the Department of the Interior, in the form of an amendment to the budget for said fiscal year.

The details of this proposed appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its submission at this time are set forth in the attached letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., June 11, 1952.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$2,050,000, for the Department of the Interior, in the form of an amendment to the budget for said fiscal year, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Budget page	Heading	Original estimate	Change to—	Increase
770	Construction and Rehabilitation.....	\$194, 720, 000	\$196, 770, 000	\$2, 050, 000

The purpose of this supplemental is to provide for the completion of the emergency channelization work now in progress through the San Marcial swamp in the lower middle Rio Grande Valley, N. Mex., above the Elephant Butte Reservoir.

There has been a serious drought during recent years in the middle Rio Grande Basin. Last year the Congress approved the use of available balances of the Bureau of Reclamation to undertake certain emergency measures in this area with a view to reducing the excessive evaporation and conserving and utilizing existing sources of water. There is an urgent need to complete this work at an early date so as to assure the effectiveness of the levee and channel construction already done in producing irrigation-water savings and to decrease the danger of severe damage from major floods to these improvements.

This proposed supplemental appropriation was not included in the budget because the need therefor did not arise until after the budget had been prepared.

I recommend that the foregoing proposed supplemental appropriation be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. LAWTON,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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